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POSTOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATION
OF A PHARMACOLOGIC
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENT

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References cited in this "List of References Cited" were also cited by the Applicants or the Examiner in parent application U.S. Serial No. 08/787,056, filed December 3, 1996. Accordingly, copies of these cited references are not enclosed, but may be found in the file history of U.S. Serial No. 08/787,056. — *ordered*

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Respectfully submitted,

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